

[54] **WELL DRILLING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Well drilling rates may be increased by impelling projectiles to fracture rock formations and drilling with rock drill bits through the projectile fractured rock.

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